

May 21, 2003  
6:00 P.M.  
City Hall Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a special meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor White, Commissioners Stirton, Smith, and Lentz

Absent: Commissioner McClain

The minutes were approved with no corrections or additions.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve appropriation ordinances #2716 (Payroll) in the amount of \$29,167.84 and #2717 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$102,211.21. Seconded by Commissioner Stirton. All aye.

#### **Purchase of Mowers**

The City Administrator had received a consensus of the Commission by phone to purchase two new mowers and would like the Commission to take formal action on that purchase. The total amount was \$13,500, prices were compared with other companies and these were the lowest priced. The payment will be taken from the electric department funds. Commissioner Lentz directed that regular routine maintenance be done on these machines.

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to approve the expenditure for two mowers at \$6,750 each. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. All aye.

#### **Bill Willis—Discussion of E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Willis was not present.

#### **Planning Commission**

Several member of the Planning Commission were present to express their recommendation that the fencing regulations of the Zoning Ordinance not be changed. Commissioner Smith had requested that the regulations be reviewed in light of possible future economic development such as licensed daycare facilities needing to have a fenced in front yard.

The Commissioners stated that they support the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals in their decisions. The Planning Commission requested that the City Commission meet with them and the Board of Appeals to emphasize that the rules and regulations be observed. A meeting will be set up in the future.

#### **Cereal Malt Beverage License—Super Store, Lyle Kirlin**

Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Lyle Kirlin at the Super Store. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

#### **Executive Session--Personnel**

Motion by Commissioner Lentz to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel and asked the City Administrator and City Clerk to leave the room. Seconded by Mayor White. All aye.

The session was extended for 10 minutes. Upon reconvening, Mayor White stated that no action was taken.

### **Citizen Survey**

Commissioner Smith reported that he had asked David Ross from Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing to review the survey and make suggestions. Mr. Ross requested more time to allow the Business Development Division of KDOC&H to review the survey. This matter was tabled to the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Planning Session**

Mr. Leighton reported that he had applied for a grant from the Department of Wildlife and Parks for two fish feeders for Mission Lake. The city's match will be approximately \$500. The consensus of the Commission was to approve the application.

Mayor White reported that he had talked with Carson Communications and discovered that wireless internet is available in this area and has the same speed as the cable internet.

Mayor White and Mr. Leighton met with the Library Board and will be looking into some repairs that need to be done and increasing the amount of insurance on the contents of the building.

Bob Fanning was present to discuss the procedures for developing a good plan for the City. He will be assisting in the process at no cost to the City.

Several items were brought up as ideas for the future. A guide was presented by Commissioner Smith and the Commission will be going over that in the next two weeks and will be discussing it in more detail at the next few meetings.

Commissioner Stirton reported that a streetlight at E. 10<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. was going off and on and he suggested it be moved next to the new restrooms at the ball fields.

Commissioner Stirton inquired about the progress on the acquisition of a new vehicle and was informed that the City Administrator is not sure it is going to happen.

Laura Cowart stated that Horton is 24% handicapped and she would encourage the Commission to remember that when doing their planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

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Dale A. White, Mayor